

REMARKS

The specification was amended to insert a paragraph on the first page of the specification (after the title but before the "Technical Field").

Applicant has filed a continuing reissue application Ser. No. 09/827,380 filed on April 4, 2001.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this supplemental amendment timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a further telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this supplemental amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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